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**ARMY ANNOUNCES REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA PARTNER
FOR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**

Today, The Army announced its selection of Redstone Army Family Housing, LLC (RAFH) to develop the Community Development and Management Plan (CDMP) for Redstone Arsenal, AL as part of the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI). Under the RCI Program, the Army plans to privatize family housing at 45 installations, over 83,000 family housing units, located throughout the United States.

RAFH will work with the Army to develop the CDMP, which will serve as the blueprint for the Army's residential communities at Redstone Arsenal. Preparation of the CDMP is expected to take about six months. Following acceptance of the CDMP by the Army and review by the Department of Defense, Office of Management and Budget, and Congress, implementation of the CDMP is expected to begin in November 2006.

RCI will improve, in a relatively short period of time, the quality of life for soldiers and families assigned to Redstone Arsenal. Over the anticipated 50-year term all family housing will be rehabilitated. In addition, RCI will bring a new community center and other ancillary facilities and amenities to meet family housing needs at Redstone Arsenal. The overall family housing appearance and function within the Redstone Arsenal installation will weave the natural and constructed environments together as a planned community.

The Army is committed to improving family housing as a means of sustaining the quality of life of our people. This will be accomplished through increased Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), traditional Military Construction, and the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) family housing privatization program. Through the RCI program, the Army engages with private sector firms in public-private partnerships to manage, construct, renovate, maintain and operate family housing. The RCI program is a critical part of the Army's plan to alleviate housing shortages, rapidly improve the condition of our existing housing, and sustain quality communities over the 50-year life of these projects.

Redstone Army Family Housing, LLC (RAFH) consists of two partners, Hunt ELP Ltd. and Investment Builders, Inc., both of which are headquartered in El Paso, TX. The partners have worked together on private sector housing developments and one Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI) project. The Army's partnership with Redstone Army Family Housing, LLC will result in adequate, comfortable, and safe homes to promote a sense of well-being necessary to allow our Soldiers to focus on their missions.

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